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OLIVE PLANTATION IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area covered under olive plantation in Rajasthan at present;

(b) whether there is a vast scope to promote the plantation of said trees in the State; and

(c) if so, the assistance provided to increase the areas under said plantation in the State so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): At present, Olive crop is not under cultivation in Rajasthan.

(b): So far, no trial has been made for cultivation of Olive in Rajasthan. However, the State wants to experiment with this crop in areas having climatic conditions similar to Olive growing areas of Israel. The Rajasthan State Agriculture Marketing Board has entered into an agreement with Indolive Ltd. an Israeli company and Plastro Plasson Industries (India) Limited to establish Rajasthan Olive Company for cultivation, processing & marketing of olive products.

(c): So far, no assistance has been provided for olive plantation in the State.